

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

July 5, 2012

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:05 pm in the Community Room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

Members Present

First Selectman, Michael J. Freda
Second Selectman, Timothy M. Doheny
Third Selectman, Alan J. Sturtz

Mr. Freda introduced himself and Selectmen Timothy Doheny and Alan Sturtz and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr. Freda asked for public comments relative to the agenda. There being none, Mr. Doheny moved the approval of the minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting of June 7, 2012.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz- Yes

There being no correspondence, Mr. Freda explained that our guest speaker this evening, Roseann Inlej from DCS Energy, had to leave due to an unexpected family emergency. The presentation was pertaining to residential solar energy options. We will try to reschedule Roseann for August meeting.

Mr. Freda then proceeded with the Selectman's Overview.

OPERATIONAL

Bonding Projects: Milling and Paving Plan, Fire House Renovation, Construction of New Public Works Garage.

Milling and Paving Schedule for 2012 - 2015

- The Department met with the SCRCOG Pavement Condition Study consultant, to develop a 4 year plan to mill and pave approximately 25+ miles of Town roadway. The milling and paving plan has been completed for August – September 2012. The Department of Public Works is finalizing the schedule of roadways included and will be posting it on the Town's website shortly.

Sanitation Garage Construction

- The concrete foundation has been poured and steel girders have been installed. It is expected that the structure will be completed on or before August 31, 2012.

Fire House Renovations

- Lawrence Associates from Manchester, CT has been appointed as the architect and is under contract with the Town. Downes Construction Company has been selected as the construction manager. Documents and drawings are being worked on. Construction will begin in early 2013. The exact order of the build out is being worked on now, but the committee is looking at doing Montowese Company # 2 first.

Memorial Field Basketball Court Resurfacing Project

- On May 22, 2012, Hinding Tennis of West Haven was awarded the refurbishment of the playing surface of the basketball court at Memorial Field. Hinding completed the grouting of approximately 750 ft of surface cracks and provided a fabric overlay for the entire court with associated painting and lining. Work was completed on June 28, 2012.

Closure of Spring Road Bridge Over Muddy River

- Due to a May 18, 2012 inspection by the CT DOT the DPW closed the southbound lane of the Spring Road Bridge over the Muddy River. On June 5, 2012, the Town and DPW filed a Preliminary Application for Local Bridge Funding up to 31% of the total costs. At this time it is estimated that the total project may cost is \$655,000. The Department of Public Works continues to work closely with the State DOT as well as Department of Finance and

Administration to schedule a Public Hearing on the matter over the next few months.

Widening of Southeast Portion of Ridge Road and Skiff Street Intersection

- On June 27th the Department commenced with the widening of the southeast portion of the Ridge Road and Skiff Street Intersection. The project was undertaken as a result of the traffic patterns observed and the lack of area available for buses' turning radius. This project includes removal of certain shrubs, new pavement and asphalt curbing and relining of a portion of the intersection for traffic purposes. The project is expected to be completed this month.

Underground Storage Tank Improvements at Elm St Garage

- The Department underwent recent improvements (completed June 29th) to its (2) 6,000 gallon underground storage tanks located at its 110 Elm Street Garage location. These improvements included annual tank tightness testing, piping testing and the installations of interstitial monitoring to bring tanks into compliance with the State of Ct's Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) rules and regulations. The tank successfully passed all applicable tests.

Carina Park Improvements

- The Dept. has been working closely with area residents and our Office to improve the park area, benches and field conditions of Carina Park. Improvements have been made to play areas. On June 18, fencing along one side of the park was replaced due to its condition. This park has been included as part of the 2013 STEAP Grants Application for the replacement of the basketball and tennis courts.

Oil to Gas Conversion Project

- The Finance Director, Ed Swinkoski, is working with the Building Official to convert 3 buildings: the Town Hall Annex, the Town Hall and the Police Department from oil to gas heat. The estimated total cost for the engineering work and construction is between \$85,000 - \$100,000. This will be financed over a 2 year period. The payback period for the THA is under a year while the Town Hall and Police Department are approximately 1.25 years.

GRANT UPDATES

STEAP Grant Award Montowese Elementary Playscape

- The Town of North Haven received notice on May 18, 2012 that it had been awarded a Small Town Economic Assistance Grant (STEAP) in the amount of \$50,000 to design and construct playscape improvements at the Montowese Elementary School. A Resolution for consideration and approval by the Board of Selectmen is presented this evening. This resolution must be approved prior to the Department moving forward with the project. A consultant will be selected by the Town and design related to the playscape will commence this month.

STEAP Grant Applications for 2013

- On May 21, 2012, the Department along with the Town's Grant Administrator were notified of the 2013 Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant applications and due date (8/1/2012). We have submitted STEAP grant applications for 4 projects including the Montowese Elementary School Playscape (unfunded portion), Vanacore Field Bathroom and Concession Facilities, Carina Park Tennis and Basketball Court Refurbishments and Streets and Roads Garage Refurbishment. The applications were delivered to OPM on June 8, 2012. STEAP Grant awards are routinely identified in January.

Main Street Investment Fund Grant

- The Department is working closely with the Town's Grants Administrator and the Office of the First Selectman to prepare a grant application for the reconfiguration of the Central Block and to address possible upgrades to the exteriors of various Town Buildings. The Main Street Investment Fund Grant applications are due to the State's Office of Policy and Management (OPM) on or before September 28, 2012. A complete application must include a Master Plan of the Central Block area. Those municipalities who qualify and file accordingly may be awarded grant dollars up to \$500,000

FEMA Public Assistance Grant regarding Storm Alfred

- On June 20, 2012 the Selectman's office was notified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that we were approved to received 75% reimbursement for eligible costs incurred as a result of storm Alfred resulting a payment of \$131,345.18 to the Town.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

As a result of our management philosophy of looking for cost savings and efficiencies through the fiscal year the Town has been able to deliver back to back surpluses these past two years. This has resulted in NO TAX INCREASE this coming year with the Fund Balance remaining at its current 8% and at a time when many governments are running deficits. He fully expects that we will deliver a 3rd consecutive surplus this fiscal year that just ended.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Yale New Haven Hospital Update:

- The Yale New Haven Hospital (YNHH) project continues to move forward with their plans to develop an outpatient center in the former AT&T building at 6 Devine Street. They have purchased and are remodeling the building for a comprehensive ambulatory care program. The center will be open 7 days a week and will offer a wide variety of very comprehensive services and treatment including: Walk in Primary Care/Urgent Care Center, Inflammatory Disease Center, Smilow Cancer Hospital Care, X-ray/MRI. In addition, YN Health System will consolidate and move some of its information technology office from multiple sites in New Haven to the North Haven facility. The first wave of employees is expected to begin working in the building this month. By the beginning of 2013 Yale's facilities will be fully occupied and functioning. By then there will be about 300 People working at the facility.

Economic Development Updates: Medical Center on State Street, Northern Washington Avenue, Universal Drive, Leon's, Hibachi Grill, Covidien Expansion

Following the Selectman's overview, Mr. Doheny read and moved the first resolution on the agenda. Mr. Sturtz seconded the resolution.

- A. **RESOLVED:** That the First Selectman, Michael J. Freda, acting as a result of an approved majority vote of the Board of Selectmen may enter into an agreement with STEAP (Small Town Economic Assistance Program) for a \$50,000.00 grant to design and construct a new playground at Montowese Elementary School.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz- Yes

Mr. Sturz read, described, and moved the second resolution on the agenda. He noted that he was pleased to see the Town taking advantage of this opportunity. Mr. Doheny seconded the motion.

- B. **RESOLVED:** That Michael J. Freda, First Selectman, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz- Yes

Following approval of the resolutions Mr. Doheny moved and Mr. Sturtz seconded the following appointments.

- Reappointment of Lynn Fredricksen (R), 95 Pool Road to the Cemetery Commission effective June 30, 2012 for a two year term to expire June 30, 2014.
Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz- Yes
- Reappointment of Dr. Rita A. Landino (D) 58 Marion Drive to the Cemetery Commission effective June 30, 2012 for a two year term to expire June 30, 2014.
Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz- Yes
- Reappointment of Pamela Trepanier (R) 265 Bassett Road to the Cemetery Commission effective June 30, 2012 for a two year term to expire June 30, 2014.
Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz- Yes
- Reappointment of Anthony P. Rescigno, 7 Beach Lane as the Convention and Visitor Bureau – Central Regional Tourism District Municipal Director effective June 30, 2012 for a three (3) year term to expire on June 30, 2015.
Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz- Yes

Mr. Doheny moved the following bond releases with the recommendation of the Inland Wetlands Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sturtz.

- 1924 Hartford Turnpike – Linda Accurso release entire bond balance in the amount of \$2,500.00 with the recommendation of the Inland Wetlands Commission.
Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz- Yes

Mr. Sturtz moved and Mr. Doheny seconded the following property tax refunds -

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz- Yes

- Cosenza, Ronald & Virginia, 2 Pond View Circle, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$22.30
- DeMatteo, Francis, 6 Pond View Circle, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$31.58
- Ferraro, Pasquale & Gloria, 1 Pond View Circle, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$22.30
- Gallicchio, Luann & Reynolds, Georgia, 9 Pond View Circle, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$31.58
- Gandleman, Marilyn, 13 Pond View Circle, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$31.58
- Grignano, John & Phyllis, 7 Pond View Circle, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$44.58
- Koproski, Marcella, 11 Pond View Circle, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$46.44.
- Nipote Holding Company, LLC, 16 Pond View Circle, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$31.58
- Nissan Infiniti LT, PO Box 650214, Dallas, TX 75265-0214 in the amount of \$199.85
- Pentland, Adrianna, 11 Butler Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$54.98, and in the amount of \$55.74
- Prete, Marie, 5 Pond View Circle, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$31.58
- Ziemba, Richard, 8 Pond View Circle, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$33.58

Mr. Freda stated that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is Thursday, August 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the community room of the North Haven Memorial Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT. At this time he opened the meeting up to public comment.

Mr. Sonazzaro, Elm Street, stated that he does not feel that the Town should put any energy into Northern Washington Avenue. He feels it is a dead area and no business will succeed there. He then reiterated his strong opinion that the Town needs to take back the land that the Health and Racquet Club leases that he feels belongs to the Cemetery Association. Mr. Freda stated that he will not sit back and allow the Northern Washington Avenue to languish, and it is his responsibility to do all he can to help grow that area. Mr. Doheny and Mr. Freda both commented on the subject of the cemetery land reminding Mr. Sonazzaro that the Cemetery Association leased the land back in 1974. Basically there is nothing that can be done, nor is the Town willing to break the lease with the racquet club.

Mr. Morris Pedersen, Maple Avenue, asked Mr. Palma, Director of Field Operations, about the work being done on Stoddard Avenue and Elm Street and the condition of the pavement. He feels that there should be more barricades for vehicles driving on that road alerting them to the drop off in pavement. Mr. Palma explained in detail the work plan and pavement schedule for that area. He also noted that there were signs indicating a bump in the road, and a barricade with flashing lights. He offered to put additional barricades at the location until the work is completed.

Mr. Pederson then addressed the Board and spoke at length regarding the high school boilers. Mr. Freda and Mr. Doheny spoke to his concerns providing a very detailed explanation of the boilers, the repairs and the ongoing operation of same.

Mr. John Heeran, Debra Lane commented that by state statute Mr. Freda does not have to involve himself with the boilers, they are a Board of Ed issue. Mr. Freda agreed, but noted that he works with the BOE to help to solve problems where he can.

Mr. Freda asked for any additional public comment. Hearing none and seeing none, he thanked everyone for coming. Mr. Doheny motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm.

Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz- Yes